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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

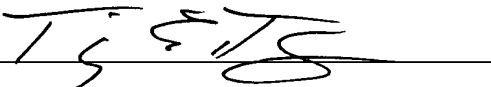
Claims 2-8 and 13 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 9-12 have been canceled.

Claims 2, 5, and 13 have been amended.

Claim 5 has been amended to include the subject matter of the claim from which it depends, i.e., claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 5 and 13 were amended to correct their claim dependency to claim 5 in view of the cancellation of claim 1. Support for the above amendments can be found in the claims as filed. It is submitted that no new matter has been added by the above amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 9-12 have been canceled.

Claim 2 was amended as follows:

2. (Amended) The composition of claim ~~1~~ 5 wherein the composition is admixed in a comestible.

Claim 5 was amended as follows:

5. (Amended) ~~The A~~ composition of ~~claim 1~~ comprising an alcohol having an average length of from about C₂₀-C₂₆ in a amount sufficient to reduce cholesterol in a vertebrae;
said alcohol encapsulated in a food grade acceptable material selected from the group consisting of coating polymers, waxes and plasticizers, wherein the weight ratio of alcohol to the food grade acceptable material is from about 1:4 to about 10:1.

Claim 13 was amended as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for reducing cholesterol in a vertebrate comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of claim ~~1~~ 5.

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